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MESSAGE:

Re:

U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/653,563

Examiner Small:

Per our conversation earlier today, attached please find the Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application.

Sincerely,

D. Gregory Donner

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, kindly enter this amendment and reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-20 and 22-156.

Please replace claims 1, 21, and 157-160 with the correspondingly numbered claims.

1 (Amended). A compound of the formula:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_2 & Z & R_3 \\ \hline & & & \\ R & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ R_4 & & & \\ \end{array}$$

wherein

Z is $-C(R_{18})(R_{19})$ - wherein R_{18} and R_{19} are hydrogen;